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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Hugh Montgomery  
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SUBJECT: Technology Transfer Through Travel of Soviet,  
Chinese, and Other Potential Adversary  
Nationals to the US

REFERENCE: D/INR Memorandum to the DDI, Dated  
25 January 1982

1. This responds to your referenced memorandum asking for a quick special assessment dealing with the loss of American technology through visits of Communist nationals to the United States. The information and analysis in the attachment specifically addresses each question you raised. More complete information regarding Questions six and seven presumably is available in our Embassies, and we suggest that they be queried. [REDACTED]

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2. The paper was prepared by the Technology Transfer Assessment Center and drew upon the resources and the contacts of the interagency Committee on Exchanges (COMEX). As I mentioned earlier, within a longer time frame, you might consider requesting an interagency assessment, which could be undertaken under the auspices of the DCI's Technology Transfer Intelligence Committee, or possibly a special national intelligence estimate to more fully address this complex subject. [REDACTED]

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